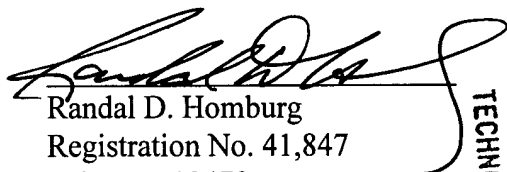




CONCLUSION

The applicant submits that the above-noted amendments and remarks put the application in condition for allowance. Certain Claims have been rewritten and the amendments made as noted. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections contained in the Office Action of November 20, 2002, and pass this application to issue. Additionally, Applicant also respectfully requests that the substitute drawings be allowed and that the objection based upon 37 CFR 1.83(a) be withdrawn. Applicants express their appreciation to the Examiner for Examiners attention and courtesy.

Respectfully submitted;



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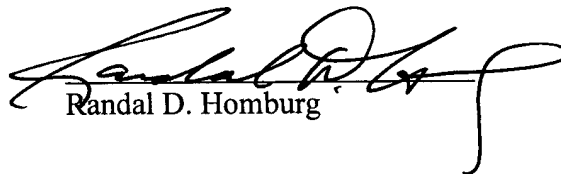
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